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REMARKS

Claim 18 is amended to claim the methods of treating Parkinson's disease or depression using the compounds of claim 1.

The examiner has stated that the treatment of Parkinson's disease is enabled.

Support for amending the claim to include the treatment of depression is found in claim 19 as filed and on page 97, lines 15-16 of the specification.

Claims 19 and 20 are canceled.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the allowance of claims 1-17 and 21-23.

Claims 18 to 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, for lack of enablement in treating all the diseases listed in the claims; the rejection refers to the general terms such as "central nervous system diseases" and to the large number of diseases included in the terms.

Treatment of Parkinson's disease was considered enabled, but applicants urge that a claim to treatment of depression should also be allowable.

The use of adenosine A<sub>2a</sub> antagonists for treating depression is known to those skilled in the art, as evidenced by journal articles such as El Yacoubi et al, British Journal of Pharmacology (2002) 134, 68-77, and El Yacoubi et al, Neurology (2003) 61(supp 6), S82-S87, copies of which are attached. Both articles report data indicating that blockade of the adenosine A<sub>2a</sub> receptor produces antidepressant effects in *in vivo* screening tests for depression.

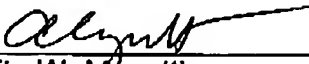
Applicants urge that in the absence of proof that the presently claimed adenosine A<sub>2a</sub> antagonists are not effective in the treatment of depression, which would be contrary to the conclusions reached in the references, a claim to treatment of depression with the compounds of the invention is not unreasonable, unbelievable or speculative.

It is respectfully submitted that a claim to the method of treating Parkinson's disease or depression by the compounds of allowed claim 1 is supported by the specification and by the literature.

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Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112 and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested.

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